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Office Action Summary

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| Application No. 09/340,618 | Applicant(s) Katz |
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Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.

This action is FINAL.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire three month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 16-18 and 30 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 16-18 and 30 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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Part III DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

1. Claims 16-18 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claims 16 and 30, the preamble of the claims presents that the subject matter is a process/system (respectively) for executing game formats...the process/system includes the steps/means as presented, however, neither the steps nor the means as presented clearly accomplishes the goal of the preamble that being for executing game formats, thus it is not clear that the claim limitations as presented are complete as the suggested process/system does not accomplish the purpose of the preamble as presented.

In each of claims 16 and 30, (ln.3) reference to “may include” is indefinite in that it is not clear that the presented process/system definitely does include such presented “conventional” telephone instrument.

Conclusion

2. Due to the nature of the confusion noted above in paragraph 1, the definite patentability of such claims as presented can not be determined at this time, however, the claims as presented do not appear to read on any particular prior art of record in the parent application. The prior art made of record in parent application 09/128,936 and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. It is requested that applicant provide an IDS with the appropriate references thereon, the art is in possession of the examiner and has been considered in an application by the same inventor, no IDS is present in the instant application however.

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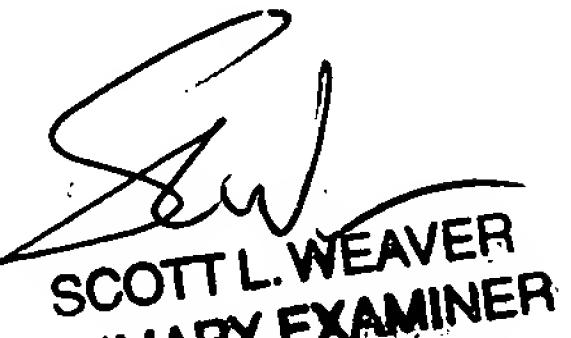
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor,
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